

2010 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Brownfield Basics

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 6 p.m.–9 p.m. (light fare provided)
M-Tec at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Room A1020, Amphitheater
7107 Elm Valley Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49003

6 p.m.–6:15 p.m.	Introduction and opening remarks: Sue Erickson, DNRE, Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Unit
6:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Brownfield Basics DNRE and MEDC representatives will discuss the simplest but important aspects of redeveloping Brownfield properties in Michigan. They will answer many questions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Brownfield? • Why is Michigan special in Brownfield redevelopment? • What role does the local unit of government play? • Why do I need a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)? • How are the DNRE and MEDC involved? • What tools or incentives are available for redeveloping Brownfields? • What is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit or Core Community? • What are Brownfield plans and Act 381 Work Plans? • What are Eligible Activities? • Are DNRE grants and loans available? • What is a Brownfield MBT Credit? • What are Eligible Investments? • What resources are available to learn more about Brownfields? • Who should I contact with Brownfield questions?
7:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Responsibilities Marc Hatton, Redevelopment Project Manager, with the city of Kalamazoo will provide an experienced BRA's perspective on the roles and responsibilities of a BRA board member. Attendees will also gain a better understanding of the statutory requirements of a BRA.
7:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.	Break
7:45 p.m.–8:15 p.m.	DNRE Brownfield Program Carrie Geyer and Ron Smedley, DNRE Brownfield Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanup program update • Web site: www.michigan.gov/deqbrownfields • Available grant and loan funds • Application process • Other DNRE incentives—handout • EPA Brownfield funding • BRA survey results MEDC Brownfield Program Eric P. Helzer and Sarah Latta Rainero, MEDC Brownfield Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 and 2010 allocation update • 2010 Brownfield program guidelines • Project application process • New Web site : www.TheMEDC.org/brownfields • Brownfield applications
8:15 p.m.–9 p.m.	Putting Michigan's Brownfield Tools to Work A local government official will show you how to pull together a successful Brownfield project from the local BRA process through the state's approval processes.

